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Please amend the claims to the following:

- 1.(currently amended)     A safety latch for a drawer, comprising:  
  
        an L-shaped body, including a vertical leg and a horizontal engaging arm,  
  
        said vertical leg having a flat outer surface for mounting to the inside of a  
drawer; and  
  
        said engaging arm having a top surface defining forward and rear ramps  
and a trough between said forward and rear ramps, said trough defining an  
upward opening, and said ramps terminating short of said upward opening in a  
vertical plane;  
  
        wherein said engaging arm is movable up and down relative to said  
vertical leg.
- 2.(original)     A safety latch for a drawer as recited in claim 1, wherein said L-  
shaped body is made in a unitary piece, including a horizontal leg projecting  
inwardly from said vertical leg, wherein said engaging arm projects forward from  
said horizontal leg and is movable by flexing said unitary piece.
- 3.(original)     A safety latch for a drawer as recited in claim 2, and further  
comprising a fastening means on said vertical leg for securing said vertical leg to  
the inside of a drawer.
- 4.(original)     A safety latch for a drawer as recited in claim 3, wherein said  
fastening means comprises an adhesive strip.

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5.(original) A safety latch for a drawer as recited in claim 2, wherein said forward ramp tapers from a lower elevation in front to a higher elevation in back, and said rear ramp tapers from a higher elevation in front to a lower elevation in back.

6.(currently amended) A cabinet, comprising:

a frame;

a front face mounted on said frame and defining an opening having a front-to-back depth;

a drawer mounted on said frame and movable in a front-to-back direction through said opening, said drawer including left and right side panels and a bottom panel and defining an inner surface;

a safety latch including

an L-shaped body, having

a vertical leg, mounted on one of said side panels said inner surface,

a horizontal leg projecting from said vertical leg; and

a horizontal engaging arm projecting forward from said horizontal leg and having a top surface which defines forward and rear ramps and a trough between said ramps, said trough defining an upward opening having a front-to-back distance that is at least as deep as the front-to-back depth of said front face, ~~and~~ wherein said forward ramp tapers from a lower elevation

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in front to a higher elevation in back, and said rear ramp tapers from a higher elevation in front to a lower elevation in back; and said latch is mounted at a height such that said trough receives said front face and stops the movement of said drawer both when the drawer is being opened and when it is being closed.

7.(original) A cabinet as recited in claim 6, wherein said latch is a unitary piece, and said engaging arm is movable up and down parallel to said vertical leg by flexing between said engaging arm and said horizontal leg.

8.(new) A safety latch for a drawer as recited in claim 1, wherein said forward ramp tapers from a lower elevation in front to a higher elevation in back, and said rear ramp tapers from a higher elevation in front to a lower elevation in back.

9.(new) A safety latch for a drawer as recited in claim 1, wherein said trough has substantially straight front and rear walls.

10.(new) A drawer latch for use in a cabinet having a front face and at least one drawer, comprising:

a one-piece latch body, including

means for mounting to the inside of a drawer; and

means for stopping the drawer by abutting the front face of the cabinet both when opening and closing the drawer.

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11.(new) A drawer latch as recited in claim 10, wherein said one-piece latch body includes means for selectively releasing said latch from the front face of the cabinet in order to open and close the drawer.